

# INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY V. SOCIETY

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## *A CONCEPTUAL ANALYSIS*

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### **ABSTRACT**

Instead of “international society” one encounters ever more frequently “international community.” Although in the past these concepts may have been used synonymously, they have rather diverging contemporary meanings. This paper examines the differences in these two concepts by looking at their connections in the “add-on” logic and line of progression in international theory. For instance traditional English School moves from a system to a society, whereas now the contemporary international community appears as again something “more.” Yet, such logic seems to rely on descriptions of anarchy that have been taken from early social contract theory. By examining contemporary use of “international community” it becomes evident that such reliance is absent in the rhetoric that appears to levy novel expectations.